Consolidation News

Altogether for One Purpose—There is economy in Unity

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Filed October 26, 1911.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TROPICO, CALIFORNIA.

Your undersigned petitioners respectfully represents:

That they are qualified electors of the City of Tropico, California, and constitute one fifth of the qualified electors of the said City of Tropico, as shown by the votes cast at the last municipal election held in such municipal corporation.

That the public interests require that the said City of Tropico be consolidated with and become a part of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Wherefore your Petitioners Respectfully Pray that your honorable body in concert with the honorable the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, California, do submit to the qualified electors of each of such municipal corporation the question whether such municipal corporation shall become consolidated into one corporation and designate a day upon which a special election shall be held in each of such corporations to determine whether such consolidation shall be effected.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

J. J. Laws, James Rich, Andy Stephenson, J. B. Hickman, C. A. Bancroft, Frank R. Jones, Frank H. Davis, Charles White, J. H. Webster, J. D. Stanton, J. W. Stanton, John A. Logan, W. A. Hough, C. R. Carmack, S. A. Ayres, A. H. Scheu, J. T. Kirkham, P. F. Peters, John Hobbs, C. C. West, L. C. Rice, Guy E. Rice, W. W. Dunham, H. W. Turner, E. Lotridge, E. S. Ayres, Nelson C. Burck, Chas. F. Story, B. W. Richardson, S. M. Street, J. L. Fishback, D. Jenison, L. E. Hoffman, O. E. Burck, H. W. Myers, C. Ingraham, E. V. Reynolds, S. Pollack, Chas. Henry Cushing, Geo. F. Stine, Frank Nell, John H. Givin, Clayton H. Evans, H. P. Daniel, Geo. H. Peterson, A. J. Wilber, L. C. Haynes, A. B. Scofield, W. F. Fratt, Eliza Bordwell, David Bordwell, C. E. Nicholson, Normand Ella Nicholson, Rose E. Stine, Mattie Bordwell, Henry S. Dash, Lavinie L. Cushing, Elizabeth H. Cushing, Susan C. Wilber, W. B. Pratt, Maud Scofield, Marguerite C. Evans, Katherine G. Sawyer, Mary E. Stratton, Daisy Lawyer, Daisy Dash, Martha J. Meirose, Ella Gaither, Mary Ann Nell, Frances T. Gleason, Clara Susan Tunison, T. E. Gaither, Richard M. Messick, James H. Hutt, Mrs. F. H. Waterman, Stell M. Nell, C. M. Matties, David J. Hibben, Ida B. Hibben, Nellie Simpson, J. F. Ballinger, Elmore E. Lawyer, John S. Lawyer, Catherine Stine, J. M. Spear, William Tatum, C. L. Jennings, G. A. Burch, Maud A. Burch, Clara E. Robinson, J. E. Giddings, James Willson W. Van Hazalen, C. C. Chandler, A. P. Obl, S. H. Page, A. T. Mehle, H. Von Wahlde, A. L. Chandler G. W. Bancroft, R. A. Verdugo, David Flanders, Pierre Gabaig, Daniel Webster, Frank Ashton, Geo. H. Friedgen, Henry J. Barlet, Joseph McTeeters, William F. Black.

LIGHTING RESOLUTION

We, the Trustees of Glendale, in case the consolidation election in Tropico and Glendale carries on Saturday, December 16, would be in favor of taking the necessary steps to extend the lighting plant over Tropico. We are of the opinion that the people would never be taxed to pay the principal or interest on the bonds for this extension, as our system is entirely self supporting.

THE NAME OF TROPICO.

If you are fond of the name of Tropico, you need not fear to lose it. The post-office authorities will always maintain a post-office here and it will always be Tropico. Sometime this summer parties circulated a petition to change the present system of the post-office department here, giving by the way our present postmistress and assistants a black eye, but you can see for yourself that Uncle Sam has taken no notice so far, for he doesn't let prejudice interfere with business and economy. This will always be Tropico, as much as Hollywood will remain Hollywood although a part of the city of Los Angeles. Vote for consolidation, though you are fond of Tripico.

SCHOOL QUESTION.

..The present school tax of the Tropico city school district is $1.55 per hundred valuation, of which .74 if for high school purposes and .81 is for maintaining the Grade school and caring for the bonded indebtedness.

The average daily attendance for the year closing June 1910 was 197. The average daily attendance closing June 1911 was 243, and the increase of average daily attendance for this year will equal or exceed that of either previous years, so that we may feel sure that there is only a short time ahead before we must provide more room for pupils; and when that time comes, as a matter of course, a new site will have to be obtained somewhere towards the northern limits of the district and a school house erected and equipped to care for a modern well arranged Grade school.

This cannot be done as it should be, for less than $20,000 or $25,000; and to teach the pupils who will attend there will require a full corps of teachers whose salaries will amount to $7,000 per year. .This with the expense of janitor, fuel supplies and upkeep, will add a yearly expense for school purposes, exclusive of money for interest and redemption of bonds, of about $8,500.00; $4,500.00 of .which will have to be met by additional taxation and even a larger sum than this for the first year or so, as the average attendance at the new school will not for some years at least allow an apportionment for the full number of teachers, for even now we are allowed only seven on last year's attendance.

The increase in .the .assessment valuations of the district will of necessity be slow, for it will take the district some time to recover the amount lost by the annexation to the city of Los Angeles of that portion of our district lying south of the city limits of Tropico.

If our district is to remain no larger than the present city limits of Tropico we cannot in the near future look for a tax levy for school purposes for less than $2.50, if we provide as we should for the education of our children and that we must certainly do.

If we should now consolidate with Glendale the expense of site building equipment, instruction and maintenance would be no greater while the burden would be distributed over an assessed valuation six times as great as Tropico possesses alone. .The school would serve that section of Tropico where it is the most needed as well as a part of Glendale where better school faiclities must soon be provided. .The attendance at a school erected for the consolidated cities would be double that of either one, reducing the number of instructions per pupil and help to keep down a school tax that is even now a burden. The district would then be large enough to entitle us to a truant officer, enabling us to enforce the law and increase our average attendance while we could have the advantage of an intermediate school without any increase and probably a reduction of taxes.

MR GRISWOLD AND THE WATER QUESTION.

In the last issue of the Tropico Sentinel, Mr. Dwight Griswold published an illuminating article on the water question, particularily in reference to the Consolidated Water company in which he was formerly interested. We quote his conclusions:

Under the present conditions if would be almost impossible for either Tropico or Glendale to take over a portion of the present system for a municipal plant for the pipe-lines, reservoirs, and water supply is so arranged and so complicated by various companies and ownership, that nothing but a new system and supply for either locality would do, or else a merger of all the interests into one comprehensive system that would properly supply all the territory to which th canyon water was decred.

The latter plan appeals to me as the only right and proper one. How it can best be brought about remains to be solved.

That we have in the Verdugo Can yon an abundant supply of the purest and best of water is not a matter of guess work. We have there a supply that can be developed and distributed to supply a city much larger than Pasadena and cheaper than is the supply of any other of the smaller cities of Southern California; but these results can only be brought about by a consolidation of all the water rights in the canyon, either by purchase by the community served, or by a unifying and proper development of the interests of the present owners.

D. GRISWOLD.

Building activity in Glendale at the present time is remarkable. We are now building a new city hall at a cost of $10,000; a magnificent intermediate school, which is costing $30,000; new business blocks, one of which is being built at a cost of $10,000; and there is now being erected between 50 and 60 new, modern homes, at a cost of $2,500 to $5,000 each.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

Whether the Cities of Tropico and Glendale Shall or Shall Not Become Consolidated

AT AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TROPICO, NOV. 6, THERE WAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING:

RESOLUTION NO. 37.

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, calling a Special Election to be held on the 16th Day of December, 1911, in said city to vote upon the question of consolidating the said City of Tropico with the City of Glendale; establishing an election precinct and the polling place; and appointng electon officers for said election, and providing for the giving of notice thereof.

Polling place for all registered voters of the City of Tropico in City Hall, corner San Fernando Road and Central avenue. Election officers are: Inspector, George A. Dodson; Judges, Abraham B. Noble and Wesley H. Bullis, and the entire compensation of said election officers is hereby fixed at $5.00 each.

Instructions to Voters

An Elector desiring to vote for consolidation shall stamp a cross (X) in the voting square after the words "For Consolidation."

An Elector desiring to vote against consolidation shall stamp a cross (X) in the voting square after the words "Against Consolidation."

ALL MARKS EXCEPT THE CROSS (X) ARE FORBIDDEN ALL DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR ERASURES ARE FORBIDDEN AND MAKE THE BALLOT VOID.

If you WRONGLY STAMP, TEAR or DEFACE THIS BALLOT return it to the Inspector or Election and obtain another.

FOR CONSOLIDATION	X
AGAINST CONSOLIDATION	

The above petitions signed by 337 qualified voters of Tropico speak for themselves. The one filed with the Trustees Oct. 26th, 1911, signed by 119 voters, prays that steps be taken to accomplish consolidation with Los Angeles, the other filed Oct. 30th, praying for consolidation with Glendale.

All of these good people signed either the one or both or them, thereby showing their dissatisfaction with the present existing conditions. The names of even of all of our city officials, with the exception of our City Recorder, appear under those petitions, indicating plainly that they see for themselves the disadvantage of our present position and these officials are among our best, most capable and respected citizens, they have done splendid work since incorporation, but undoubtedly realize, it will be for the best interests of Tropico to make a change and we all heartily agree with them. The only chance, and it is by far the more advantageous chance, to make such a change is consolidation with Glendale. The people of Tropico in consolidating with Glendale will have no bonded indebtedness, for which they have never received any benefit, against their property by going into Glendale and will derive benefit from all bonds that are to be issued in the future. Vote for consolidation for Glendale, for consolidation with Los Angeles means an additional taxation without having received any value for our money.

Tropico Post Office

December 12, 1911

A. M. Watson, Esq.,
County Tax Collector's Office,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

With reference to our conversation regarding the delivery of mail at Tropico should it become annexed to Glendale, California, I would state that this would not in any way effect the postal situation at Tropico, California, except that Tropico would be made a branch of the Los Angeles post office and a superintendent placed in charge thereof and all accountings of the office would be under the supervision of the postmaster at Los Angeles.

There would be no loss in the identity of this certain section so far as postal service is concerned. In the event that annexation to Glendale is successful, much more satisfactory delivery service by letter carrier could be given to the patrons residing in the present limits of city delivery at Tropico now served through Glendale.

As to the addressing of mail matters, it could either be addressed to Glendale, California, or Tropico, California, and mail would be delivered if addressed either way.

Very Respectfully,

W. H. HARRISON, Postmaster.

Filed October 30, 1911.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE.

We, the undersigned qualified electors of the City of Glendale and of the City of Tropico respectively, do hereby petition and represent to your honorable body as follows:

That the said City of Glendale and the City of Tropico are municipal corporations of the State of California, incorporated under general laws and are contiguous to each other;

That the said City of Tropico has been incorporated since the taking of the last Federal census, and the said City of Glendale is the one of said muncipal corporations in which the larger vote was cast at the last preceding general State election.

We hereby petition that the said City of Glendale and the said City of Tropico be consolidated and that your honorable body submit to the qualified electors of each of said municipal corporations, in the manner provided by law, the question whether such municipal corporations shall become consolidated into one municipal corporation, to be governed in the name and as a city of the class under which the said City of Glendale is now governed.

We further petition your honorable body to take all necessary steps for the purpose of calling an election and submitting said question to the qualified electors of said cities respectively.

Each of your petitioners has hereunto subscribed his name and has set opposite thereto the name of the municipal corporation of which he is a qualified voter.

Wm. C. Wattles, Edward Ayres, James Rich, Jonas W. Gould, A. M. Watson, J. C. Farrar, Ella Florence Watson, Winifred Farrar, Mary Anne Ayres, Marguerite G. Turck, Chas. W. Turck, Fern W. Shaw, Hartley Shaw, J. B. Treadwell, M. S. Glora, Ellen G. Scott, John L. Kirkham, R. G. Cate, George E. Ragland, J. P. Scott, Thos. L. Jones, Henry W. Hood, W. G. Hedges, Mrs. Chas. Murray, Charlotte M. Scott, Don S. Erskine, Mrs. Don S. Erskine, Mrs. W. G. Hilbert, Geo. A. Marek, Anna E. Marek, S. S. Brown, H. B. Burbank, Mrs. G. E. Brown, Mrs. A. A. Burbank, S. G. Biddle, A. H. Donecken, A. J. Enoch, August Carpi, Manuel Carpi, Mary E. Haynes, H. H. Davenport, Blanche L. Davenport, Andrew O. Conrad, Amelia K. Wattles, Lalla R. Hood, F. E. Peters, Hattie Peters, Cecilia Hood, Lena Meirose, G. F. Latter, Wm. W. Lane, A. J. Frankland, James Carpi, Henry Goodsell, Joy B. Goodsell, Harriet G. Goodsell, Minnie Cointe, George H. Cointe, Emma Hedges, Chas. E. Taylor, Fred H. Waterman, Estella S. Morgan, E. G. Richardson, Ethel L. Ballantyne, Sarah E. Adams, Joseph A. Adams, Herbert A. Adams, Mrs. G. M. Ballantyne, A. R. Ballantyne, F. P. Ballantyne, Jas. P. Bryson, Mrs. Hattie Bryson, Mrs. Eugenia Halleck, W. H. Halleck, Jessica B. Detrick, H. L. Detrick, Mrs. Aliene Alspach, F. A. Alspach, Peter Trudeau, S. W. Johnson, E. Fram, J. S. Gibbs, W. W. Hamilton, Edward Dissettee, Ella M. Dissette, Mrs. Laura E. Sibley, Henrietta C. Bauer, G. M. Byrd, H. C. Askley, Mrs. H. C. Ackley, Ann Elizabeth Nevins, Wm. Tatham, Fanny J. Tatham, G. D. Cash, Hannah M. Barber, Geo. Cleaver, Josephine Cleaver, E. G. Buckley, Edith Buckley, Oswin Eichhorn, Dora Eichhorn, John Reich, Harry L. Bradford, Claude Sissney, Chas. M. Jasper, Mrs. C. M. Jasper, Minnie M. Muehlman, Mrs. Peter L. Ferry, Mrs. Wm. O'Brien, Peter L. Ferry, A. J. Chappins, Mrs. A. J. Chappins, A. B. Nobel, H. B. Myers, Mrs. H. B. Myers, Esther Wilson, Lucile Crowell, Geo. Huff, Mrs. Amanda Huff, W. H. Isgrigg, Mrs. W. H. Isgrigg, W. H. Gilmore, H. E. Hoffer, H. C. Richardson, John Cummings, J. H. La Pearl, Mrs. J. H. La Pearl, W. C. Cameron, Mrs. W. C. Cameron, Wm. O'Brien, W. C. Harris, Mrs. W. C. Harris, C. E. Harlan, Sallie T. Harlan, S. E. Weir, W. E. Fora, C. O. Breeden, Mrs. C. O. Breeden, Mrs. Wm. Schlan, Wm. W. Schlan, C. H. Henery, Mrs. C. H. Henery, I. S. Beeheiy, O. M. Carpenter, Miss Mabel Carpenter, L. W. Chobe, Georgia J. Chobe, L. C. Lepperman, Mrs. L. C. Lepperman, Mrs. F. B. Walker, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, C. H. Huff, Mrs. Ezra Huff, Mrs. Leslie West, Charles J. Fish, Hattie Fish, Joseph J. Cocke, Miloina Rose, Geo. H. Blyth, Mrs. Geo. A. Blyth, Mrs. Emma Cox, Mrs. Ina F. Kellam, Adolph Seller, Mrs. C. H. Mullman, T. J. Darnell, Jessie T. Darnell, Garth F. Hough, H. B. McGregor, E. J. McGregor, Mrs. F. E. Morgan, Mrs. J. T. Moe, Seely B. Moe, Mrs. Grace J. Lamb, Mrs. Emily Ruthford, G. W. Strobel, C. M. Langley, Mrs. Anna Strobel, H. J. Bartlett, Hoon Wahlde, Julia A. Morgan, A. W. Gordon, Chas. E. Ellsworth, Geo. T. Winterburn, Rosa V. Winterburn, Myterl Teskey, Helen Ohman, J. Walsh, W. D. Lunsford, Ernest Drendel, Chas. Murray, C. H. Mullman, W. J. Hibbert, Louis L. Baker, G. Griswold, E. H. Dutton, B. A. Hopkins, Gertrude West, Warren West, Hazel May Gould, Rachel Rhodes, Owen Rhodes, M. E. Martin, Jessie L. Martin, Mrs. C. F. Bemer, Mrs. L. Wallace, Harry H. Reichard, C. D. Records, Freda A. Records, Hattie V. Baker, M. A. Griswold, W. A. Rhodes, Claudia Griswold, Sarah Griswold.

ATTENTION VOTERS OF TROPICO.

The petition for the consolidation of Tropico and Glendale have elected a committee to represent them in the movement to unify and harmonize the interests and operations of these communities that united they may achieve the greatest possible measure of progress and prosperity. The following gentlemen have enrolled for service; the names of others and the ladies who will be on the committee will appear later.

Beginning with the next issue of the Sentinel you will have placed before you the vital and essential reasons why Tropico ought to consolidate with Glendale into one city of whose fame and greatness we shall have a part and be proud of.

The statements to which we will invite your attention will be stamped with the approval of this committee and will contain nothing but facts of established proof.

We will show you that Tropico by consolidation does not assume on dollar of Glendale's present indebtedness.

We wil show you that the present bonded indebtedness of Glendale, for all purposes is less than one-fourth of what she could legally issue, and is only a trifle more per hundred valuation than would be the contemplated electric light bond issue of Tropico.

We will show you that the City of Glendale has an efficient and paying electric light plant, that can be extended cheaply and expenditiously to this territory and will never add one cent to our tax levy.

We will show that if we are to receive ay relief from the present high rates and high handed treatment of the Water Company it can only come from union and greater community action.

We will show you that Glendale never has considered the sewage question and that when it needs to be solved, it will be solved just the same for the larger community, only better, than it could be for Tropico alone.

We will show you that the near future will require such an extension of our school facilities that the burden placed upon this community alone while shared with Glendale would would add enormously to our taxes burden neither and benefit both.

We will show you that any money spent for the protection of Glendale from the flood waters of the Verdugo Canyon will eb equally spent for the protection of Tropico.

We will show you that consolidation with Glendale will not retard but rather hasten union with Los Angeles when the proper time for such union comes.

We will show you that there is not a single municipal enterprise that cannot be better carried out by the greater community than be either of them alone.

W. J. Hibbert, C. D .Records, A. M. Watson, C. D. Muhleman, W. C. Wattles, Hal Davenport, Chas. Murray, F. C. Richardson, Peter Trudeau, Edward Ayres, H. J. Hood. H. E. Hoffer, Ervin H. Oliver, Peter L. Ferry, C. M. Turck, Emile Franum, Owen Rhodes, S. B. Biddle, H. L. Detrick, A. J. Frankland, L. L. Baker, D. Griswold, G. W. Stroble, A. W. Gorden, Hartley Shaw, August Carpi, J. B. Treadwell, James Scott, E. S. Overdect, A. H. Donecken, W. C. Harris, John Kirkham Jr., C. E. Ellsworth.

.. NOT GIVEN A SQUARE DEAL.

The cry has been heard in Tropico during the yast week: "Let Glendale put electric lights along her own streets before she tries to take in more territory." The people who are crying this claim that there are a number of streets on the east side of Glendale that have no street lights. This is just another "election" argument. To satisfy ourselves we made an investigation this week and find that every stret in the City of Glendal has electric lights wtih the exception of a short street (Oak street) at the extreme northeastern corner of the corporate limits, and the reason this street has no light is because there is not a living soul on it. Don't believe everything the antis tell you—investigate.

FIFTY-FOUR BUILDING PERMITS

Fifty-four biulding permits were issued for the month of November amounting to $81,115. The largest permit was for $12,000 which is the block on Fourth street near Brand. The usual run of permits was $2,000 and $2,500.

Forty-six electrical permits and forty-six plumbing permits were issued last month.

Six building permits have been issued so far in December.

Cigars

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

CONSOLIATION NEWS

December 16, 1911

ATTENTION VOTERS OF TROPICO

The Committee for Consolidation, presents for your consideration the following arguments and facts:

Come, let us reason together; this is but a matter of business sense and ought to be considered fro the view point of personality, jealousy or prejudice; the statement by either side that those who may be opposed in opinion and sentiment are grafters, traitors, one time hobos, and generally reprehensible, may do for passing sound and fury but can bring no right and lasting conviction.

Like sensible people let us reason this thing out together without malice or recrimination, for the greatest good to the greatest number; then when the votes are counted there will be no bitterness or hostility but harmony and unity of purpose.

We ought to have thoughts that go beyond our own door yard, our streets, our block, our immediate vicinity.

Co-operation and reciprocation make the home, the city, and the world worth living in. As you hope for peace let the dead past rest in peace, and look only to what the future ought to yield us of progress and prosperity.

It is the season of Thanksgiving; and Christmas cheer is just ahead with its remembrance of "Peace on earth, good will towards men," then let us settle this matter as members of one family each of whom is looking only to the welfare of all.

Some of these clear mornngs or afternoons go out to the east end of Cyprus street and climb the hill; look out over this lovely valley, filling up with pleasant homes and mark if you can where it breaks into separate communities, with different aspirations and necessities. You will behold a beautiful picture merging and blending into a harmonious whole, which ever way the eye may turn. Nature has offered a setting for a city beautiful, it is ours to make or mar. Come let us reason together and decide for the best.

So we are to have a lighting plant, that in the opinion of experts (name of experts not known) will yield the City of Tropico a net income of $300.00 per month. What a wonderful discovery has been reserved for Tropico; no other city of twice her population has anything like that, or has ever heard of anything like it before.

The rates will be so cheap that no one need trouble to turn out the lights, all installed free, bills limited both ways to $1.50 per month; every house in the city will use the juice at once; yes and about fifty more than there are according to their modest estimate.

There will be juice everywhere at all times, ready on tap, all for a little bond issue of only $20,000.00.

Listen children, it is all yours for the taking, just slip your hand into the grab bag and then observe the kind of a lemon these experts are handing you.

THE WATER QUESTION.

The charge has been made by those opposed to consolidation vith Glendale, that Glendale wants Tropico for no other purpose than to bond her property in order to obtain many things Glendale would otherwise be unable to acquire. Among these the acquirement of water of which it is alleged that Glendale is destitute and Tropico has plenty.

The truth of the matter is that both places are practically in the same situation as regards water and service, with Glendale having some advantages over Tropico as to situation and supply. Out of 10,000 shares of Verdugo Canon water Tropico could command about 1700, while all the balance would be tributary to the already assured Greater Glendale at the north, and with that larger share, would go a proportionate right of development in the Verduga Canon.

Glendale is nearer the supply and on account of extent of territory and population could at once start with a service that would pay expenses, being practically from a gravity service.

Tropico to obtain a water supply other than the service she now has, would either have to purchase the system which is now used or develop water and install a new system, or else unite with Los Angeles and wait until that city could furnish the water.

About nine-tenths of the present system is owned by the Consolidated Water Co., and the balance by numerous small holders. It lies partly in the city of Glendale, and part of the territory of Tropico is served by other plants, and such service would have to be continued unless a reservoir was built at a higher elevation than the one on Eighth street. Distance of gravity supply, poor elevation of storage and complication of ownership would render the acquirement and use of the present system for Tropico alone, a very difficult and expensive one; and the same reasons would render the regulation of its rates by the Tropico officials a slow and almost hopeless task. The installation of a new system dependent on water pumped to a proper elevation could not be done at an expense that would permit of any lower rates than we are now paying.

On account of limited population and territory Tropico could not afford to purchase Owens River water and install a system and for these same reasons Tropico alone cannot unite with Los Angeles and secure a supply of water as a part of that city.

All great enterprises of today are accomplished by consolidation and united effort; and if Tropico will unite with Glendale in the consolidation into one community of all the territory naturally served by the waters of the Verdugo Canon or any other supply that might be brought into this valley, the water problem can be solved and solved with advantage to all either by regulation of the present service or by public ownership.

The substancial growth of Glendale as a home town and commercial center dates from the year February, 1906, when the city was incorporated as a city of the sixth class. Since then more than 25 miles of streets have been improved by the petrolithic process of paving, at a cost of nearly $140,000. Imposing business blocks have been erected, countless modern homes adorn the streets and avenues, modern hotels serve the public as places of entertainment, schools, libraries and churches have sprung into existence and all the conveniences and privileges of a great city are enjoyed by the community, which comprises some of the best people dwelling on the globe.

Intolerence is probably the greatest obstacle to progress. Born and conceived of selfishness, it denies the right of existence to all that differs from itself. Intolerence, prejudice and misrepresentation are underlying arguments used by the opponents to consolidation of Tropico and Glendale. The real issues are never considered.

This spirit is loud to day in Tropico and is as yet not quite wiped out in Glendale. It has hampered the progress of this valley at all times and was as loud in Glendale at tne time or the incorporation of that city as it is today here in Tropico and prevented the boundaries of Glendale from being extended on all sides. It defeated the annexation of last year and is making its death struggle in this coming election. The people of Glendale and West Glendale have put it behind them, the first by building up a small but prosperous and progressive city, the latter by going into Glendale by a vote of 128 for to 20 against the proposition, realizing the only feasible way to further their interests best and more economically by the one big community. Tropico is going to put it down by voting on Saturday, Dec. 16th for consolidation and Casa Verdugo is ready with her annexation petition to also resent it.

REGULATOR INSTALLED IN STREET LIGHT. DEPARTMENT.

At a cost of about $1100, the city lighting department has inaugurated a great improvement in the street lighting system in the shape of an automatic regulator, which controls the pressure of the electric current all over the system so that it will be at all times alike, giving a steady light from all the street lights instead of a more or less variable one such as it has been before. The uneveness of the lights that has sometimes been noticeable has been caused by the varying current furnished by the power company, also by the variation caused by other demands upon the current. Hereafter under anything like normal conditions the street lighting system will be assured of a steady and invariable supply which will allow of no variation in the light furnished.

THE POPULATION SWELLED.

The number of people who will go into Glendale on the 16th of this month was swelled this week by two future voters. The girl in the case Joy Goodsell of Palmer avenue. She arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. arrived a few days ago and has taken to singing the praises of the "Greatest Glendale" ever since. Convincing arguments why Tropico should join to the city to the north are being lustily proclaimed by Master Morgan, who arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Morgan of Central avenue last Sunday morning. With these two new boosters in the field there should be " nothing to it."

SOME HISTORY.

"Figures don't lie," is an old saying but it is amazing how many mistatements some people can manufacture out of a few figures and a little crippled language.

The History Editor of the Tropico Interurban Sentinel certainly has fits and sees things when it come to discussing the water question "Glendale wants to bond herself for a million dollars to buy a rotten water company and so wants you to help bear the burden, "She is going to spend two-hundred thousand dollars for a bed rock dam in the Verdugo Canyon" ect., all of which would be very interesting if true, but there is no truth in it and it ought to excite not interest beyond the spectacle, of a supposedly intelligent man trying to fool voters here, with a statement that brands of people of Glendale as a set of crazy incompetents, and can only affect the opinion of people here who do not rightly understand the subject matter of know the source from which it flows of the impelling cause of its eruption.

If the Sentinel Historian will go to the trouble of looking up the sworn expert opinions of the very best water engineers of Los Angeles he will find plenty of refutation to his statement of the water limitations of Verdugo Canyon. Because he took part in an attempted development there that failed, and because he was instrumental in involving the water owners there is not water there in abundance. That is acient history that he might also review, to his own glory and the good of the community.

With all due respect to the gentlemen's legal lore, none of the water belonging to the Tropico Water Company is appurtenant to the lands served, and its patrons only have the same right to water and service as would the patrons of any other public company serving water and those in the City of Tropico have no more rights than the people on its lines across the R. R. in the City of Los Angeles. These are facts that the historian well knew. not withstanding his statements to the contrary. The Glassell water rights were appurtenant to lands wholly out side of the City of Tropico and within the present City of Glendale, so if his argument is good, that water still belongs there and not in the City of Tropico.

Now this history, ancient and modern, of the Tropico Water Co., is evidnetly not written by a researcher and chronicler without bias looking for, and setting forth the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; but rather to insinuate against the motives and purposes of some individuals as to the motives of some and the intelligence of others, including D. Griswold, G. F. Dutton, M. A. Griswold, A. W. Collins, E. W. Richardson, Henry P. Thornton, Ernest J. Morgan, John A. Logan and others. By frequent insinuations the arch villian is plainly pointed out, but the tools **and fools are not clearly differentiated** for to pull off this "Exploitation for selfish purposes" all the people concerned had to be either knaves, tools or fools according to this wise historian, to permit of and to assist at such a selfish exploitation; of course it was just an over sight on the part of this historian that he did not include in the list of the property transfered by Griswold the large pipelines leading from the plant, and an oversight that he did not state that the plant has every season been in constant service supplying patrons of the Company and paying a liberat income to the Company on the investment, and an oversight that he does not state that without such service the company would this season been wholly unable to supply the demand for water from the consumers under the Company's system.

But the "plant at this time is of no practical value" at least so says this infalliable authority, and as he is a man of figures and a very cautious one at that, (as note where he speaks of the Canyon flow, "if, as Mr. Woodbury informs us, 200 inches is its present flow") it is no doubt a little presumptous to extend the calculations he has set down for our enlightment. Thirty-four inches of Canyon water (see his figures) says this historian, will yield at $1.50 per tap $63; 360 per annum, but 100 inches from the Griswold plant that would yield three times that sum or $199.080 makes that plant of no practical value. Just keep in your mind that "figures don't lie" no matter what the manipulator tries to do.

The Tropico Water Co., does not own seventeen hundred shares of Canyon water, and furthermore none of the water owned by the Tropico Water Co., is appurtenant to any of the land in the City of Tropico this historian to the contrary not withstanding.

It is certainly new and startling that you don't even have to purchase a thing to acquire it, or having purchased and sold it you still own it. This historian is surely a law giver as well as a mathematician. Let Glendale take notice, she no longer needs to purchase that " rotten water company" or build a submerged dam for the law has been settled and she can take over all the water now served within her borders, for " it is our contention that this water is still the property of the people for their use and benefit in their municipal capacity." Nor can she want for water or revenue for the historian's figures show that both will be over flowing, even for a city many times the size Glendale can hope to be, though she extend from Burbank to Pasadena, Monta Vista to Los Angeles.

Now there must be either a leak in this historian's figures or in the Company's main for the Glendale section is fully as well supplied with Canyon water as is Tropico, and the number of taps supplied in both places are about one-half the number our historian's Tropico supply would furnish, and theentir e revenues of both are less than one-half of his figures, and yet the able historian knows that large quantities of water are pumped by all of the Companies to furnish an edequate supply.

While this scribe was writing history to enlighten the voters of Tropico he ought to have gone into some other matters that he overlooked, but no doubt he was too modest or he would have detailed the facts to show that all the ills of the Tropico Water Co., has suffered, both in ownership and thousands of dollars wasted in litigation sprung from his own betrayal of its interests while in a position of trust in the Company. His treatment of this water question is not one looking to community interest but of personal feeling because he failed in his schemes and the Court set aside his actions as void and illegal.

What he may think of me or of any other man or what I think of him, or any other man may think of him, ought not to be injected into this issue, and would not have been innjected by me if the offense of the insinuations had not been repeated, and flagrant, and totally uncalled for.

No matter what may be your views upoon the advisability of Consolidation with Glendale I cannot believe you would approve of tactics that seize upon it as an opportunity of venting personal malice under the guise of patriotic duty.

D. GRISWOLD.

COMPARISONS

Glendale Balance on hand Dec. 1 $8,240.80.

Tropico balance on hand Nov. 1, $21.12.

(See corrected statement, Tropico Sentinel, Dec. 1.)

Glendale's Bonding capacity $420.-000.

Tropico Bonding capacity $103.000.

Glendale School tax $1.30 per hudred assessed valuation.

Tropico School tax $1.55 per hundred assessed valuation.

Electric light cost $1.00 per month in Glendale.

Electric light cost $1.50 per month in Tropico.

Glendale has fire protection.

Tropico has none.

Glendale has police protection.

Tropico has a City Marshall.

Glendale has Street lights.

Tropico has none.

Glendale has 40 miles of improved streets.

Tropico has Central avenue and San Fernando Road which was fixed by the County Highway Commission.

Glendale has Six Schools.

Tropico has One School.

Glendale Trustees have taken steps to reduce water and gas rates and has made application for Owens River water—**What has Tropico done.?**

West Glendale voted to join Glendale by a vote of 128 to 20. Vote for consolidation Saturday, December 16, 1911. Polls open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Polling place, City Hall Tropico Corner San Fernando Road and Central Ave.

One of the arguments of Tropico is that Glendale wants to get all the money in the Treasury of Tropico and spend it up in Glendale. Look up financial statement of Tropico ending No. 1, balance on hand $21.12.

Tropico combined tax rate is $3.20 per hundred, assessed valuation. Tropico consolidated with Glendale tax rate would be $3.06, a seving of 14c per hundred dollars. Tropico if consolidated don't have to pay any of the bonded indeptedness of Glendale so vote for consolidation.

Glendale has a good fire house, one that is equipped with a combination chemical and hose wagon of the latest design.

Glendale has her own new City Hall and library which we will enjoy but don't have to pay for so vote for consolidation Dec. 16.

Glendale has 40 miles of Improved streets.

Glendale has its own Electric light plant and the charge for light is $1.00 minimum and 10c per killowatt. Meter and installation free. The rate in Tropico is $1.50 per month for the minimum and 15c per killowatt for all over the minimum allowance. $ 15.00 for meter and $15.00 for each pole for installation. Vote for consolidation.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

"Bonds, bonds and still more bonds." From the Sentinel of Nev. 20th.:

"We propose in the interest of Tropico's public school system that steps be taken for the acquistion of the Stepper Block for the site of both a Grammar School of enlarged capacity and a completely apointed High School—on the order or a university."

Certainly yes! We have an assessed valuation of $68,000 and a little bond issue in Tropico ncessary to do these things with our present rate of $3.20 and a lighting bond issue of $20,000 would make paying taxes worth while.

"Thirty thousand dollars for the Stepper property, $30,000 for a 'Grammar School of enlarged capacity' $100,-000 for a 'completely appointed High School on the order of a university" these are just a starter, wait until you furnish them and supply them with instructors of the university order.

Who hollowed "Bonds, more bonds, more bonds?" Take a good look at the fellow who cries "Stop Thief," may be you will want to stop him. But then it all means business, and like saloons makes the town lively; for there are ordinances to pass, and print, linger on that word print, it sounds mighty good to a hungry man; and special elections , Oh Horrors; Not consolidation, just bonds—they are allright.

They mean inspectors, judges, ballot clerks, and put a little cash in circulation for cirgarettes and pool games, and may-hap a little donation to the poor blind-pig.

You don't need to consolidate if you are looking for Bonds and taxes, remain as you are where taxes are now $3.2.0 and nothing done, but "Bonds, Bonds, and more Bonds" in near prospect.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

WHO IS THE OPTIMISTIS EXPERT?

The "Sentinel" under date of Dec. 7, states that some (?) experts figure that the Tropico Municipal Lighting Plant will have an income of $750.00 a month and furnish street lights free and pay the city a profit of $300.00 a month. This is to be accompiished by receipts from 500 house consumers at an average rate of $1.50 per month.

It is too bad to be obliged to awake from such a beautiful dream, but a desire to know the truth compels us to ask o few questions:

First: Who is this optimistis expert?

Second What has become of the promise that the new plant was to furnish house light at a minimum rate of 75c., and excess rate 2c lower than the Glendale rate, (and was there not something said about lamp renewals, too?)

Third Where are you to get 500 house consumers from? The Brand system has only 197 consumers in Tropico, and as there are only 500 water meters in Tropico it is fair to assume that there are not over 500 houses in the city, counting big and little together. Where are the 500 house consumers to come from, and at an average rate of $1.50 per month?

Fourth Does the old promise that city officials and employees work for nothing apply to this scheme?

Five If not, after you pay a superintendent, three eginers, a lineman, a chore man, clerks or office help, purchase oil, fuel, and other necessary incidentals, provide for maintenance, depreciation, extensions, interest and maturing bonds, do you expect to have $300.00 left from an income of $750.00, or if the original promise of 75c rate is kept from an income of $375.00. These are questions we would like to see truthfully answered.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

BUILDING PERMITS OF GLENDALE.

Permits issued during November, 54; valuation, $81,115; fees, $96.50. Electrical permits, 46; fees, $62.50. plumbing permits, 46; fees, $58. Total fees, $216.60. The building permits include one house valued at $4,000 one at $3,500, three at $3,000, one at $2,500, eleven at $2,000, two at $1,800, nine at $1,500, and five at $1,000.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

In adding my short chapter to the already well developed "Tale of Two Cities" I intend to keep as far away as possible from most questions which have been vexing the people of Tropico, for and against during the past couple of months. The annexation committee has I believe proved several times the advantage in joining with Glendale relative to the electric light system and so forth, and they are perfectly able to remove whatever chaff may have accumulated.

One subject has been singularly free from discussion. I refer to the question of the public schools. It has been casually mentioned several times and one article appeared in the "Sentinel" regarding it but fore the matter was given little space on comment.

The question is a vital one, I think. Schools must be provided for the youngsters eve[illegible] of us have to sit in the dark and up our drinking water out of the mill pond. A very large quota of our taxes goes to support our school system. Do we hear any kicks? No, the people have gotten used to the idea, and simply because they take the whole thing as an established fact, they fail to remember that there is such a thing as being penny wise and pound foolish.

The Tropico Grammar School is an adequately equipped, finely diciplined institution. But it is working at capacity. When the call goes out for more room, we must either build a new school house or add to the old one and continue to hurry all the children away to the lower end of the district. People at the north end of the district are already protesting. Say that the new building is put up there to strike a balance. Glendale, also growing, will by that time have a school house somewhere down in the neighborhood of Ninth Street. There you will have two schools perhaps within a stone's throw of each other, under different supervision, with different building sites, different libraries, different slyod and art departments, and all the appurtenances which go to complete a modern school **and which cost money.** One might have done for both. Your school taxes are high, Mr. Property owner, and they are going to keep on getting higher if you don't learn economy. Admitted that if we go into Glendale we will have to pay our school taxes just the same, but we won't have to pay on the empty halls and class rooms which might be filled were it not that the young people next door live on the other side of an imaginary line which divides one community into two cities. Why should we carry a cumberson burdenburden alone when we might "chip in" with some one else and have them help us? There is economy in unity.

Then there are other advantages. A city composed of several school districts can establish ungraded departments for students who had failed to be promoted or were trying to make up back work; it can establish truant schools for the unruly; secure special teachers for the slyod, music and art branches; provide for uniform preparation of all students for the High School work. I think we would find room for the other maxim: There is strength in unity.

DOINGS OF TROPICO TRUSTEES.

Granted a poolroom license after it had been voted out of this district by a large majority vote.

Changed the name of 10th to Accia avenue when there was a petition signed by all the people living on the street but six Fifty-two names were on the petition.

Included sidewalks to 10th when the people just petitioned for curb, grade and oil.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS.

As to losing the name of Tropico, if we consolidate is not so as an example has San Pedro, Highland Park, Garvanza or Hollywood lost their names by consolidation with Los Angeles? No. Vote for consolidation.

Bonding capacity of Glendale as allowed by law is Fifteen dollars on every hundred dollars of assessed valuation and Glendale's assessed valuation including West Glendale i s Three million dollars.

Bonding capacity $450,000.00. Glendale's outstanding bonded indeptedness is $73,500.00. Some people say she's bonded to her limit. Investigate and vote for consolidation.

The Trustees of Glendale have made application for Owens River water to the Water Commissioner of Los Angeles. Vote for consolidation and we will be in shape to reap the benefit of the farsight of the Glendale Trustees.

Glendale don't intend to buy the Consolidated Water Co., as some one is circulating at a price of a million dollars, they have made application to Los Angeles for Owens River water.

Why are the motorcycle cops not paid their $362.00 when there is $7,000.00 in the city treasury as some of the opposition to consolidation with Glendale want to make you believe. Vote for consolidation and resent falsehood.

STATEMENT FROM MANAGER OF LIGHTING DEPARTMENT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Dec. 1, 1911.

To the Board of Trustees, City of Glendale.

Gentlemen:—

The condition of the Electric Light Fund on the First day of December, 1911, is as follows:

RECEIPTS

Previous balance Nov. 1, 1911	$ 270.20
Commerical Light & Power	1,619.66
Street Lights	228.00
Delinquent Penalties	1.91
Miscellaneous Receipts	5.51
	$2,125.28

EXPENDITURES

Account Operation

Salaries	$185.00
Labor	108.00
Power	827.82
Hire of Horse (1-2)	15.20
Street Lamps	51.41
Fgt. & Cartage	5.24
Office Supplies	20.90
Misc. Supplies	1.90
Incidentals	2.50
	$1,217.97

Account Construction and Extensions.

Labor	$165.70
Meters	222.00
Cross Arm Braces	50.00
Transformer	40.61
Wire	30.57
Hire of Horse (1-2)	15.20
Misc. Supplies	4.70
Insulators	9.57
	$ 538.16
	$1,756.13
Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1911	369.15
	$2,125.28

DEPOSITS TO SECURE PAYMENTS

(Held in office of Light Department subject to call.)

RECEIPTS

On hand Nov. 1, 1911	$165.00
Deposits paid in Nov.	15.00
	$180.00

RETURNED

Deposits returned in Nov.	$ 18.00
Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1911	162.00
	$180.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. LYNCH, Manager.

Mr. Taxpayer have you ever stopped to consider what it will cost you in the way of taxes to do what some of the people of Tropico are talking of doing. Let us see how much it will increase your taxes. A $20,000.00 bond issue for a lighting plant would increase your taxes 29cts on the $100.00. A $30,000.00 bond issue to buy the Stepper ulace would increase your taxes 43cts. on the $100.00. A $30,000.-00 bond issue to build a new school house would increase your taxes 43cts. on the $100.00. The present rate is $3.20 add to this $1.15 for the proposed bond issues and we have a rate of $4.35. Does this look good to you.

In the last issue of the Tropico Sentinel the statement was made that the taxes of Glendale would increase while the taxes of Tropico would decrease. Glendale is enlarging her boundaries al the time, and if that will increase her taxes, by the same way of reasoning if Tropico would decrease her area her taxes woul ddecrease if this istrue why did the opposition in Tropico work so hard to keep a part of Tropico from annexing to Glendale last Spring. If the Sentinel's ways of reasoning is correct Tropico would then have hardly any taxes to pay.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

Voters beware of the silvertongued fellow brought into our midst to obscure the real issue in this compaign with big words and phrases. Resent interference from the outside and vote for consolidation.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

The "Sentinel" spoke about the organization of an educational system along the university plan. Does it mean that Tropico intends to set up a sort of municipal knowledge foundry? An educational Utopia ultra-refined! With its bonded capacity limited at $100.000.00, our city could not stock a college library, or if a technical school is propesed that amount would not be enough to put the chemistry laboratory on a working basis. If the ambitiously named proposition meant a High School, I have this to say: We have here with us the best High School in Southern California. If the tendency is to pull out of our present union, and I greatly fear it is, vote for annexation if you haven't another reason in the world. It has taken ten years for our High School to arrive at its present standard. It is fully accredited with all the universities. Its graduates are admitted there without an examination. Its name spells thoroughness and efficiency. If Tropico should inaugurate a High School with a thousand students, it would have to pass through the sane evolution. The size of a school cuts no figure. It's prestige that counts. And just a word more. Let me say right here that it is not the Glenndale High School which we have been discussing, nor the Tropico-Glendale High School. In asserting our own rights, let us be fair to others. I would like just as much the exclusive right to it as any one else but I was intimately connected with it for four years and I always knew it as the Glendale Union High School.

An on another subject: In saying that I intend to vote for annexation, wish to state that I have heard nothing but the highest praise for the trustees of the cityof Tropico. They are men bigger than their places. Our municipal machine may be in good trim and there may be skilled men in command, but if the machine is not large enough for the work, it is going to fail. Tropico is not large enough to make a successful city. And worse than that it has no room to expand. Quit playing with toys, people. Do you want to prosper? Then stop tinkering and fooling around with a little one-horse concern that can't be of any account to anybody and get in where you can do things. If you want to keep up with your surroundings, if you want to be somebody and do things worth while, if you want to progress and Tropico has been just a little in clined to stop in one place, get next to things and consolidate—I hope I make myself clear.

Mr. Cline who formerly lived on Heidt Court is now living in his new home on Maryland Ave., Glendale.

The Tropico Sentinel advocates the buying of the Stepper place located north of Cypress St., betkeen Central Ave., and Brand boulevard. By the City of Tropico it would only take a bond issue of about $30,000.00 to buy it. Lets do it.

Mr. Peratt who owned a half of an acre on Moore avenue, has sold his home there and moved to Glendale.

Mr. Daugherty has sold out on Mariposa St., and has a fine home at 505 Central avenue, Glendale.

Mr. Lappelman who lived on Glendale avenue, has moved to Glendale.

Mr. Drake has sold his home on Heidt Court and has built a very cosy home in Glendale.

Mr. S. L. Borthick is another one of Tropico's prominent citizens that sold his home here and bought in Glendale.

Mr. Wonderlick who has been a resident of Tropico for the last four years has sold out and bought in Glendale.

Mr. Tucker who lived on 10th is now located in Glendale.

Mr. Baker, the City Attorney of Tropico, has bought a lot in Glendale and will make that place his future home.

Mr. Gervias has sold his ranch on Ninth street and has built a home on Ivy street, Glendale.

Mr. Stief sold his home on Tenth street, and bought on Burchett street in Glendale.

The rain Wednesday almost flooded the bank biulding at the corner of Central Ave., and San Fernando Road with storm water. The City of Tropico should call an election to vote bonds to build storm drains be fore her streets are ruined.

Mr. George Roper has sold his house on Private Drive east of Glendale ave., and bought a house on North Maryland avenue Glendale.

The bond election called for the 19th of this month has been lost sight of on account of the more impotrant consolidation election. The bond election is considered more of a joke than a reality.

Mr. Coy sold his home on Tropico avenue and bought two lots in Glendale and also a home on Third St.

Mr. Ashton who used to own the Tropico bakery has returned to Tropico and will engage in the general merchandise business on Glendale avenue.

Don't forget to vote EARLY for consolidation Saturday, December 16.

POINTS.

The proponents of incorporation said that Tropico could be run at an expense of $,1200.00 per year; the fact is that it has cost $3600.00 in 8 months, and nothing to show for it but some office furniture, a lot of placards and inefficient street sprinkling.

Have you considered the difference in the possibilities of a city (Tropico) assessed at $680,000.00 with no opportunity to add territory, and another city (Glendale) assessed at more than $3,000,000 and are almost unlimited opportunity for annexing territory?

A bond issue of $20,000 in Tropico would tax the people as heavily as one of $100,000 in Glendale, and what could Tropico get with $20,000?

Why remain as Tropico and bond yourselves for $20,000 for a questionably efficient or adequate lighting system, when in Glendale you could vote that same amount, or more, for lights that you know are good, and have it cost you nothing in taxes, inasmuch as the lighting system of Glendale is self supporting.

Consolidation with Glendale means self government under a Free holders charter. Tropico could never have it, because of lack of population.

Consolidation with Glendale means a reduction of taxes, for it means doing away with one superfluous set of city officials; it means a reduction o fthe school tax, by spreading it over a larger territory.

Do you know the fact that, in spite of a small tax on bonds, Glendale's tax rate, total, this year, is 3 cents less than Tropico?

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Voter, consider these pertinent facts and vote for consolidation, Saturday.

Glendale has $73,500 of bonds issued, of which $50,000, light bonds, are costing the people nothing in taxes.

The bonding limit of a city, by law, is 15 per cent of the total assessed valuation, which, for Glendale, means over $400,000.

In the face of this, can you believe that Glendale is "bonded to the limit" as some would have you believe?

"The Glendale Lighting Plant is not self supporting loudly acclaim that opponents of consolidation. How then are the light bonds being paid? The people are not signing subscription papers for it, the city does not levy taxes for it and the bond holders are not giving away any money. The answer is obvious—the receipts of the plant are the only available source of payment.

Tropico proposes a lighting system for $20,000, giving lights for 7 1-2 cents a killowatt and street lights free. This is impossible, without taxing the people for the bonds and support of the plant, for the cost of lighting increases rapidly with decrease in the number of subscribers.

Tropico's maximum limit of subscribers is 300, as against Glendale's present 850 with additions every month. Glendale furnishes light at the present time at two-thirds of the cost that Tropico pays, and makes installations and furnishes meters free. With the increase of territory there will be a decrease in the cost of lights to the consumer.

The opponents of consolidation say they can get reduction of water rates, cheaper electricity, better car service, removal of the fence along the boulevard, and other things. They have done none of these things, but, instead have tried to prematurely foist upon the people an expense of street improvement that should be postponed until asked for by the residents of the street.

Ordinances of all sorts have been passed, which are of more or less questionable benefit to the city, and have not been enforced, while the things of real need have been overlooked.

Remember that consolidation with Glendale means that we do not assume Glendale's present bonded indebtedness. The law specifically states that fact, which means that our own tax rat ewil be less, in Glendale, than Glendale's present rate.

The Sentinel says we will be taxed to buy a water system for Glendale. How much greater will we be taxed in Tropico for a water system? The same company supplies both places.

Always bear in mind that, as two cities, Tropico's finincial assets are one-third those of Glendale and will grow less, as Glendale increases for Tropico cannot increase, except by piling up the tax levy.

Why live in a small, financially weak city when by voting "For" you can be a part of a large, growing well established wealthy city?

The Sentinel says we will be taxed for the protection of the Verdugo wash. This is absurd on the face of it. When certain persons proposed the formation of a storm water district, taking in all of this valley, some months ago, it was the energetic opposition of Glendale that completely defeated it. In the light of the fact, do you imagine that Glendale will voluntarily assume an opposite stand if consolidation occurs?

It should be plain to anyone that Glendale did not propose the consolidation of the two cities. A petition with the names of 220 of Tropico's voters, the large majority of them taxpayers, was the cause of the movement. Would you consider that 22 voters in a city of this size could be termed a "disgruntled few?"

The people favoring cosolidation are presenting facts os argument, and unsupported by figures or record.

your vote will carry as much weight in Glendale as in Tropico, and you will have as much right and ability to protest against unecessary expense, and to promote desired improvements in Glendale as in Tropico.

You are not turnnig over your 'interests, privileges, and franchises to Glendale" if you consolidate, as the Sentinel asserts, for you are going along with them, to carry them through to their ultimate success, which you never can do in Tropico without an expense far too great to be commensurate with the benefits derived.

Electricity costs Glendale 2¾ cents per killowatt. When the Owens River power project is finished the price will be lowered as there will be a surplus amount of electricity. Vote for consolidation and reap the benefits.

One valley should have one community. There is no need for a theoretical fence between neighbors.

Consolidation is broad mindedness for it means a wider range of action, greater possibilities for development, concentration and unification of energy.

Self government is the ideal of any right minded citizen, and at the present time is most nearly approached by the Freeholders charter. The law requires a certain population, 3,500 or over, b efore a municipal city can acquire it. This figure Glendale has already reached while Tropico would be years in getting it, if at all.

The possibilities of obtaining any municipal improvements are greater in the consolidated cities, because of the greater wealth, and consequent lower rates of taxation required.

When the Tropico School district was at its full size, the school tax was not excessive, but with the loss of over one third of the district to the city of Los Angeles, the rates on the remainder were increased. Now that the portion, on the southwest is on the verge of being annexed to Los Angeles, we face a further increase. As a final straw, our school house is fast becoming decadent and before long we will need a new one. As Tropico, we would be taxed over three times as much for that new school as we would if a part of Glendale. Is it worth it to merely hold an inconsequential place on the map as a separate city?

There is no need to repute the false statements made by the opponents of consolidation with reference to the bonded limit of Glendale, the supposed taxation for buying the water system, controlling Verdugo Wash, the lightinf system and other things for the real facts are obtainable by any one who cares to investigate and they are also stated elsewhere in this paper.

The argument of 5c carfare for Tropico is a flimsy one, built of nothing and expounded without thought. In the first place, a 5 cent fare means the entrance to the valley of a class of people who would be far less desirable than those now here.

Secondly, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that we could get it when there is a large part of the territory inside of Los Angeles city that does not enjoy that privilege. Hollywood is not any farther from the center of the city than Tropico, and it costs 10 cents to go there, yet it is within the city limits.

The people who oppose consolidation boasted loudly of the things they were going to do, and wanted everyone to boost; yet when the way to get things the quickest at least expose, is shown them, they fight it. Is this boosting spirit the get together idea they advocate? If they are looking to the good of the community why do they propose spending five dollars to obtain a thing they can get for one?

Glendale has done more in the last five years toward growth and improvement than Tropico has in twenty. Why? Because Glendale has boosted, and has not limited herself as to territory of ways and means. She has spent money, 'tis true, but wisely and judiciously, as evidenced by an efficient municipal lighting system, which has a value of double its cost in less than 3 years time. Her streets have been improved when the people asked for them. She is building a fine City Hall, which will be sufficient for her future needs, and which Tropico will not have to pay for, statements to to contrary notwithstanding.

If the statements of the anti-consolidationists are true, as regards the supposed intention of Glendale to levy all manner of taxes on poor Tropico, then why has she gone ahead with all these improvements before consolidation? The answer is that the intention referred to is a myth.

Tropico with her voting population of 850 odd, is about three-sevenths the size of Glendale in the matter of votes. Then why should Tropico fear defeat in any vital matter of the ballot? Consolidation means merely that we do the work of the whole community with one government instead of two, thereby reducing the expense; that we as individuals and as a component part of the whole will derive the benefits and the representatives and the gloly according to the whole, at a much less cost than we could get those same benefits in a week, impoverished debt-ridden city as Tropico will surely be if she tries to make improvements on any edequate scale.

The plain fact that Tropico's value and power bear to those of Glendale, the ratio of one of three is of itself a sufficient argument for consolidation especially when the further knowledge that Glendale can expand, while Tropico can not is forced on one.

William C. Wattles,
Glendale Ave.

Examiner. Boyton Street, Tropico.

I have several reasons for wanting to go into Glendale. The main one is that I think it is the easiest way to get into Los Angeles where the whole community will land sooner or later.

W. A. Rhodes, San Fernando Road.

Having been asked my attitude toward consolidation of Tropico and Glendale , I wish to be quoted as being very much in favor of consolidation. In the first place, a hearty cooperation in the entire valley and less disention is what is needed at this time. While I don't wish to critisize the town officials of Tropico, in any manner whatsoevery, I can concienciously say the East end of Tropico has not been benefited in any by the incorporation and I see no future prospects for the terrieory in which I live under present conditions.

A. H. Donecken,
1137 Tropico Ave.

I might illustrate one of the reasons why I am in favor of consolidation by telling the storyof the traveling man who was eating his dinner in a restaurant and the butter that was on the table did not exactly suit him. He called the waiter and asked him. Waiter is this union butter.

Waiter, I do not know sir, why do you ask?

Traveling man. "Because in union there is strength" and the Lord knows that this butter is strong enough.

If this valley was united we would be strong ennough to accomplish almost any object that we might decide upon. .We would be strong enough to compel the Electric R. R. to furnish enough cars so that our wives after a hard day of shopping in the city would not have to stand up in the car all the way.

We would be strong enough to compel that same Company to remove the fence along their right of way that is a disgrace and an eyesore to the traveling public as well as the community at large.

Wewould be strong enough to control or possibly control all of our public utilities.

We would be strong enough to make here one of the most beautiful cities in Southern California. Nature has done her part, she has furnished us with one of the most beautiful sites upon which to build a city beautiful. Now let us not throw away this opportnuity but get together and do these things that are possible .

Hal Davenport,
Glendale Ave.

In my opinion consolidation with Glendale ought not to be considered from merely personal point of view, but in the broader one of the community interest and betterment; and laying aside all of these unreasonably created prejudices can any one truthfully say it would not be better, socially, financially and policically if there could be a merging of all the various districts on this foothill into one city.

If we were an isolated community our present organization would be justified, for it would be the best we could do and though to obtain the things we needed, imposed a heavy burden we could bear it because the situation made it necessary. But we are not isolated; No physical or social barriers separate us from our sister community on the north and there is not a single matter of interest to us that is not of interest to her, and which could not more cheaply and speedily be obtained by united action. It is only by such union that fraction and sectional prejudice can be overcome, therefore let us unite and go forward.

I know of many reasons why Tropico should consolidate with Glendale but none why it should not. Tropico will gain By consolidating with Glendale we shall have a far better chance of getting into Los Angeles under the Borough system, and with it many good things which could not be had were we to go into the city as we now stand. The cry of higher taxes in Gelndale is foolish as it can be seen at a glance that today Glendale taxes are lower than Tropico, to be exact Glendale tax is $3.15 on $100 valuation and Tropico is $3.20 on $100 valuation. What we are getting for our $3.20? Nothing.

Again Glendale has its own electric light plant and the need of street lights during the winter months in Tropico is a trying necessity. As a matter of fact the many reasons why Tropico should consolidate with Glendale are to numerous to mention and any one who has the best interests of Tropico at heart will certainly vote for consolidation. It's plain to be seen that one can see where the limits of Tropico end and where the City of Glendale begins. I appeal to every thinking man or woman voter, who takes pride in this beautiful Valley to vote for consolidation Saturday and ask their friends to do so.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Frankland.—with L. A.

I am for sonsolidation because I believe that as a united community we can make this the Jewel City of Southern California, and that the burden of taxation will be far less and we will achieve greater results for the whole city and the individual citizen than could be by remaining a separate committee.

Yours for a Greater City.
S. G. Biddle,
Cypress St.

As a resident of Tropico for the past six years also a tax payer, I favor the necessary improvements required for a city; at the same time our taxes kept at a minimum rate and the taxes equal; we need good streets, proper water mains to supply our homes with sufficient water not a weak little flow, we want electric lights for many of our streets and our homes. I am convinced we will get all these cheaper, better and more permanently (practically the electric lights) by consolidating with Glendale as evidenced by the verified statement of Glendale's Electric light plant.

There is a question of some day consolidating with Los Angeles; the values and area of Tropico are too small to justify the city calling an election but with Greater Glendale there would be an inducement; I am informed that it will cost at least twenty thousand dollars to hold an election in the city of Los Angeles since the large increase of voters.

Yours tōr consolidation. J. B. Treadwell, San Fernando Road.

Last month Glendale issued $81,000 of building permits. Tropico issued?

Mrs. Wineburger has moved recently to Glendale.

COMPARE

	Tropico	Glendale
Assessed Valuation	$680,000.00	$3,000,000.00
Total Tax	3.20	3.17
Bonding Capacity	120,000.00	. 450,000.00
Miles Improved Streets	2	31
Fire Protection	0	Chemical & Hose
Fire Plugs	0	72
Schools	1	6
Cost of Electric Light, per minimum	1.50	1.00
Cost of Elec. Light over minimum	15	.10
Consumers of electricty	192	896
Streets Lighted	...None	All
Cost of Installation and Meter	15.00	Nothing
Cash on Hand Nov. 1st	21.72	8,150.00

The Glendale assessed valuation is 40 per cent higher than that of the county. Is it? How much higher is the Tropico valuation than the county's?

Lot 37 of Watts Subdivision of Rancho San Rafael is assessed by the county at $2400 and the assessment of Tropico, $2,690 this year, how much more will it have to be next year?

I am in favor of the consolidation of Tropico with Glendale, for purely business reasons.

I think it wil enhance the value of our property and surely one city government for both, can be maintained at less expense, than at present with greater efficiency.

Charles W. Turck, 1051 Glendale ave.

Electricity

Electric Light

Tropico $1.50 per month

15 cents Kilowatt $15 for Meter

Glendale $1 per month

10 cents per Kilowatt

Meter and Installation FREE

Vote FOR Consolidation

TAXES

You wont have to pay any taxes that have been assessed illegally. The law states "all taxes must be levied on the first Monday in March." Tropico was incorporated March 17. Glendale trustees say they wont collect taxes that were assessed illegally

Vote "For" CONSOLIDATION

School Tax

Tropico School Tax	$1.55
Glendale School Tax	$1.30

Vote FOR Consolidation

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VOTE "FOR" CONSOLIDATION

THE VERDUGO WASH.

About June 1, 1911, a petition for the formation of a storm water district, signed by 13 property owners, was submitted to the board of supervisors. Said district to take care of the Verdugo wash. The proposed district to include Tropico, Glendale and Casa Verdugo. The law regulating the formation of stormwater districts reads:

"Storm water districts may be formed under the provisions of this act approved March 13, 1909, for the purpose of protecting the land from stormwater. When ten or more property owners shall present a petition to the board of supervisors, setting forth the exterior boundaries of said district and asking said district to be formed into a stormwater district, the said supervisors shall form said district.

Each stormwater district shall be under the superivision of 3 trustees, to be elected. The trustees shall rceive no compensations for their services. They shall elect one of their own number president. They shall appoint a clerk, who shall hold office at their pleasure and receive such compensation as they may fix.

The said Board of Trustees also shall have the power to employ such engineers and suveyors and others as may be necessary to survey, plan or locate or supervise the construction or repair of, the improvements necessary.

The trustes also shall appoint three commissioners one of whom shall be a civil engineer. Such commissioners shall receive for their compensation as the trustees may determine.

These trustees also have the power to levy a tax against the property in such a formed district and if the sum necessary be too large to ascertain a levy over a period not to exceed 10 years.

The power to spend money to any amount is practically unlimited.

Six of the signers of that petition were urged to withdraw their names from the petition. Yet in face of these facts somebody tells you Glendale must have more bonding capacity so it can restrain the waters of the wash.

Why was this district ever formed? Because the people of this valley did not want it.

The promoters of that petition had in their mind to spend an enormous sum of money on the wash, not only to take care of the stormwater, but also and probably primarily to beautify the wash at the expense of the people's money. As soon as the filing of said petition became known, a meeting was called at the city hall of Glendale, the trustees of Glendale and Tropico, the Valley Improvement Association; the Chamber of Commerce of Glendale and Tropico and Casa Verdugo [illegible] participating.

That Glendale city needed as big a bonding capacity as possible to take care of the wash, was not shown in those meetings; on the contrary the majority of those taking part, came to the conclusion, that not more than $10,000 was necessary and not more than that sum should be expended. The officials of Glendale were unanimous on that point and through their personal efforts principally.

The proceedings last June in the wash matter showed plainly, that the interests of this whole valley are identical. We are about 8000 people here, capable of building up a community, of which we all can be proud of. Yet prejudice opposes consolidation.

Glendale's sinister intentions are to gobble up Tropico, so Tropico has to pay and help build a septic tank system, to buy the rotten waterworks, to build its city hall and schools etc., and on the other hand Tropico wants to take the city hall of Glendale from 4th st., move the post-office, defeat all bond elections and keep Glendale from progressing and so on. There are not more than a score of people here in Tropico or in Glendale who are so prejudiced, but upon close investigation all arguments against consolidation are based upon one another of these prejudices.

It took Glendale about four years after incorporation to get her lighting system in working shape. Are you going to wait that long in Tropico Vote for consolidation and get your lights at once.

Do you want to be drawn into the labor fight, such as is waged in Los Angeles at the present time. If you want to avoid it vote for consolidation, so that we can go into Los Angeles under the borough form of Government and be able to manage our own affairs, though a part of Los Angeles.

Vote "for" consolidation.

All of our School trustees favor consolidation with Glendale. Why.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION DEC. 16th.

Ring up the following parties, state at what hour of the day you can vote and we will take you to the polling place in an automabile. It will only take you a few minutes. So be sure and ring up and vote.

Hal Davenport, Sunset ,phone 381 J.
D. Griswold, Sunset 'phone 22-L.
Peter L. Ferry, Sunset 'phone 475J.

BALLOT VS. BUNCOMBE.

The merits and advantages of consolidation with Glendale have almost become a secondary consideration to the menace of the methods used by those, who are determined to defeat it by any possible means.

A systematic campaign of misrepresentation has been carried on with the purpose of making the public believe, that practically everyone was against the consolidation with Glendale except a few "disgruntled kickers."

The obvious purpose is that these reports may encourage those who approve of consolidation but are not well informe das to the real situation, so they will think there is no use voting for it.

The only way in which the consolidation election on Dec. 16th can be defeated is by the failure to vote of those for it. Do not fail to vote yourself, and see that your neighbors who agree with you do likewise.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS. ..

From the Interurban Sentinel of Nov. 30th we quote "When annexation was first agitated those who were so much in favor of annexation were loud in their demeands for street improvements, but since the incorporation of Tripico how very quiet they have been regarding the improvement of their respective streets. Every stumbling block of which they could think has been placed in the way of the city's progress.

Schedule of street work for city of Tropico. Central avenue was finished by the highway commission, only sidewalks and curbing being necessary. Work started Oct. 16th. 1911.

Brand Blv'd., Condemnation suit in preparation.

Park Ave., west of Central. Proceedings blocked by protest of property owners.

Laurel St., Protest stopped further work.

Tropico Ave., Bids invited.

Cypress St., Proceedings blocked by suit.

Oak Drive., work commenced Nov. 11.

Acacca Ave., Adams st. resolution of improvement adopted Oct. 19th.

Glendale Ave., amended resolution to improve adopted Nov. 2nd.

Work is nearly finished on Central ave., and operations commenced on Oak Drive. The sidewalks on both streets put in by the contractor have already required repairs.

Park ave., Laurel st, and Cypress ave., will not be done at this time became of protests and the opposition to consolidation with Glendale claims, all of the people on these streets to oppose consolidation. While on Oak Drive which is solid for it, the work goes merrily on.

Acaccia Ave. The petition for the improvement of that street (10th) only asked for the oiling and tamping and grading and curbing of the street yet the trustees ordered sidewalks as well. On Sept. 16th the residents of that streets filed a petition with the board of trustees of Tropico praying not to change the name of the street. Said petition was signed by all but 4 residents on the street, 52names being attached to it. The name of the street was changed from Adams to Glendale avenue, leaving it 10th st. street west of the boulevard. If the change was imperative, why the discrimination.

Why shall I vote for consolidation with Glendale? Because I want all I can get for the least amount of taxes to be paid.

Because our taxes now are higher in the aggregate than Glendale's and we have but little in comparison to show for it.

Because I want adequate fire protection.

Because I want good police protection.

Because I want the best possible educational facilities for my children.

Because practically all interests of Glendale and Tropico are the same, we are geographically a unit, and one government over the whole community would be more economical than two.

Because when we join Los Angeles we want to be able to retain a borough form of government, and in the meantime a larger Glendale would be more attractive to Los Angeles and naturally receive larger consideration in Owen's River water affairs.

Because I want to share Glendale's cheap electric lighting facilities, without having to help pay for a costly experiment to obtain its equivalent.

Because I know as an engineer that a separate electric lighting system giving edequate service to Tropico with not over 500 consumers to be obtained, could not be made to pay without adding heavy tax burden to the people.

Because Glendale has lower assessment valuations than Tropico.

Because I am convinced after investigation that Glendale's municipal affairs are conducted in a thorough business-like manner and with the strictest economy, and because if they were not the outlying districts in joining Glendale could poll a lerger vote and elect their own trustees to control the affairs of Glendale than could Glendale herself.

Because I belong to the "new blood," far out numbering the old settlers that have come into this community and share no sectional interests prejudices or bad feeling against their neighbors.

Because when I tell people where I live I don't like to have to stop to explain.

Because I may want to sell my property some day.

Because I bear no ill will toward the trustees or officials of Tropico for what they have done or have failed to accomplish, hampered as they have been by opposition and shortage of funds, but know that they cannot accomplish much with the limited tax receipts.

Respectfully,
A. M. Gordon.

1138 11th St.

One hundred dollars a month was to be the limit to be used in the management of Tropico city in the first year. Look at the report of the treasurer and find that $3600 had been spent in 8 months

Vote for consolidation.

Why did all the trustees of Tropico sign a petition to go into Los Angeles? Vote for consolidation.

A POPULAR MOVE.

The real interest of the people has never for a moment been considered by the opposition to consolidation. The petition for consolidation has been started by Tropico, because we know that the whole valley as one community will be able to manage its affairs quicker, better, cheaper and more successfuly than divided into small communities. Casa Verdugo is preparing a petition right now for annexation to Glandale, realizing the helplessness of her situation.

The opposition to the consolidation here in Tropico is agitated and kept alive by a few whose chief desire is to control the affairs here, should consolidation be defeated and if their conduct since incorporation of Tropico is a sample of their use of authority, the interests of the people would be indeed in poor hands.

The danger is too great. We can not afford to let things go as they are now. Vote for consolidation, get your neighbors to vote for it and we will nip in the bud the attempt to control the patronage and policy of this end of the valley.

If the enterprising circle of politicians in Tropico should succeed in pulling the wool over the eyes of the people again to the point too of expressing their willingness at the coming election to defeat the consolidation with Glendale, what benefit would we derive from it?

We know that our taxes will be double what they are now and that we can not possibly receive any benefit from them until bond elections could be called authorizing the issuing of bonds to raise the cash to make good on the promised improvements. The advertising and sale of the bonds would in al lprobability require a year or two and in the meanwhile our taxes would repose in the coffers of Tropico's treasury to be spent at the discretors of our officials! Obliviously the cash would be most welcome to the circle of politicians, who would be only too pleased to gain the favor of some of their graitfied constituents by the proper distribution of the taxes. There is not a single argument yet and was never offered why you should not vote for consolidation. Do it on Dec. 16. Vote for it and get all who favor it, to work for it too.

Why were the motorcycle police hired and why dismissed? Were they hired to raise some revenue for the city? hardly. The fines totaled to $775.00; Judges fees $255.00; Motorcycle Police, $362.00; City of Tropico, $158.00.

Or it is probable that somebody else needed the money? Were the motorcycle police dismissed because the revenue derived from their operations, was not sufficient, or because it hurt Tropico, or because some of the city officials fell a victim to their vigilance, or was it because of the noise they caused on Central avenue [illegible] small hours in the morning and thereby disturbed the slumbers and rest of some of our city dads? Answer the questions for yourselves and then vote for consolidation.

TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT.

The assessor raised in many instances the valuation 25 per cent or more over the county valuation. If the raise was just in one instance why not in all? Is it possible the assessor is guilty of discrimination? Looks that way. The city was not incorporated until March 17th, when the county had already levied its tax for the coming fiscal year and the law says a municipal government cannot levy any tax until the county government has ceased to levy and collect taxes. If you don't want to be discriminated against in the assessment of your property, if you want a just assessment vote for consolidation and get your neighbor who wants the same to vote for it.

Do you keep a few chickens? If so did the assessor assess them for 50c a piece and levy a tax upon them? If not, he surely will because the coming year we won't have our chickens taxed and not yours. Vote for consolidation. Glendale encourages thrift and derives its taxes and revenue not of the poor, who want to make ends meet by the raising of a few chickens. Get all who want to escape a chicken tax to vote for consolidation.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION.

No politics in it? But listen—At the last general election the question of liquor and poolroom licenses was submitted to the people of this end of the valley and promptly voted down by a large majority. During last year's annexation and incorporation campaigns those engaged in the poolroom business voted against and used their influence to defeat annexation and helped carry the incorporation election and for their zeal were rewarded by trustees with a pool-room license.

An ordinance prohibiting the sale, manufacture and delivery of intoxicating liquors in the city of Tropico was passed by the trustees. Is that ordinance enforced? Not than you can notice it. When our marshall tried to enforce it, at once the cry of treachery was raised and rumors of starting disincorporation proceedings filled the air. The marshall then ceased to enforce that ordinance. No politics! indeed!

How many of our city officials serve without pay? They promised you before the incorporation of Tropico to do so for one year. Ask them and then vote for consolidation.

Why are all the employees of the Consolidated Water Co., against the consolidation with Glendale? Get next.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

Prejudice, superstition, insistant and misrepresentations are the arguments against consolidation. Here is a voice from Glendale: What's in it for Glendale? Glendale would get new burdens by consolidation— without sharing the benefits, it would have to bond itself to pay for what Tropico gets in electric lights, gas, public and other needs. A plain donation. How would you like a two million plaster on you homes? It is not a safe bet that Tropico would not carry the bond elections by fair means or foul. Say they elect three councilmen f rom Tropico and two from Glendale. It would be easy to have a big vote in Tropico 30 days prior to an election. Did you ever hear of "colonizing?"

Compare this sort of arguments and read in the Sentinel of Nov. 30 supposing Glendale could give us better service before she can do anything for us Glendale must issue bonds, and what assurance have we that the people ofGlendale will come forth and give us a two-thirds vote in favor of another burden on their shoulders merely to give us people here in Tropico something they already have? And again there is one enterprize which the city of Glendale must soon face; an enterprize which doubtless forms one of the chief reasons for the eagerness of Glendale to acquire as big a bonding capacity as possible; and that is the restraint of the Verdugo wash.

Mistrust and prejudice clearly propmted the writers of both these utterances. Superstition and prejudice have at all times opposed progress. Wipe it out on Dec. 16th by voting for consolidation and get your progressive friends to vote for it too.

What is the bargain in this campaign? Will you let the liquor interests and poolroom element shape the destiny of this beautiful valley? Vote for consolidation.

FREEHOLDERS CHARTER.

The subject of a freeholders charter has been discussed quite lengthy, yet the editor of the Interurban Sentinel tells you it requires 10,000 people and a city of the 5th class to be able to secure such a charter. He ought as a lawyer to know better.

The law reads: Any municipality with more than 3500 inhabitants may secure for its government a freeholders charter. A petition for the election of 15 freeholders signed by 15 per cent of its voters submitted to the trustees is necessary, to compel them to call an election. These freeholders must submit a charter within 120 days to the approval of the people. Under the provisions of it a municipality may from its own government either by a council or by a commission of in any way she deems best, without inflicting with the constitution of the state. A municipality with a charter has more power than a city of the 5th class. The people can make their ordinances, tax levy, get their entire school system under a board of education, thereby getting better results with the education of her children and etc.

The city of Glendale has the required number of inhabitants already and a movement will be started immediately after Dec. 16th to secure a freeholders charter, whether the consolidation carries or not. We all realize the advantages of such a charter for this valley. When the time for consolidation with Los Angeles becomes advisable we can go into Los Angeles under the borough form of government. Vote for consolidation and we will be able to go into Los Angeles right.

Possibly eighty per cent of the residents of Tropico are convinced that our ultimate destiny must be annexation to, or consolidation with, Los Angeles; yet as a people we differ greatly in opinion as to the time when this union would or might be of the greatest benefit to us as a whole. It is evident to every thinking person that the time to so unite is not yet at hand, and many reasons might be advanced in support of this opinion. The vague and uncertain possibility of our receiving any benefits whatever as a recompence for the privilege of paying taxes and the assuming of an interest in the payment of Los Angeles bonds, which we have been assured we would be required to do if we should annex must cause us to carefully consider a move of this kind. If the future we really find it necessary to use theOwens river water (and the necessity of using it is an open question), it would then be time to consider the question of annexation. It will be several years before the water is available and by that time the question of its volume and purity will no do doubt be settled. Lights, both street and domestic, street and municipal improvements, and future disposal of sewage, are all questions of vital importance to us and we can see no solution to them by annexation to Los Angeles at this time, even though the greater city was ready to accept us, which she is not.

Tropico is so situated that we have no available territory which we could annex to make the city large enough to obtain these most nevessary improvements without imposing a burdensome tax levy.

The proper solution to this problem is undoubtedly by consolidation with our sister city, Glendale. Every city in the valley should, and we believe will, evidently be consolidated into one city; for by this means we would at once begin to acquire economically and satisfactorily, those improvements most necessary to us, when the need for them actually arises. By conservation of our natural and acquired resources by the rights and powers of a greater city we can attain together, what neither city could reach alone, because of the limited area from which funds must be drawn.

VOTE FOR CONSOLIDATION

By consolidation with Glendale at this time Tropico has all to gain. What is out of the question for us to acquire at a reasonable cost, could be easily and certainly secured by consolidation. Our greatest need at this time is lights. We are paying an excessive minimum rate in addition to a meter charge and a high excess killowatt rate. Consolidation will give us relief quicker than can be obtained by the proposed Tropico bond issue of $20,000. The Glendale light plant is a proved success while the proposed Tropico plant is but a theory untried and unproven even by figures. Consolidation with Glendale offers the means to economize in every avenue of municipal enterprise, in number of public officials, in municipal building in municipal regulation of utilities, etc., by reason of one group of buildings and officers performing the work which is now performed by two. The principal and object aimed at by the consolidation of private enterprises is the same that would be gained by municipal consolidation—simply, economy and better service for the people. As Tropico will assume no part of the bonded indebtedness of Glendale by consolidation, there certainly seems no valid reason why we should not unite for a better and more economical future growth. Future consolidation with Los Angeles will not be retarded by consolidation with Glendale, it would rather be greatly advanced because much of the doubt and fear of the treatment we might receive from Los Angeles would be removed, because we would then be a city of the fifth class and probably operating under a Freeholders charter, placing us in uosition to negotiate terms on which we would consolidate instead of simply being dictated to.

When the time comes for the establishing of a sewer system it must be done by connection with some part of the Los Angeles system, but this will not be necessary for years to come. The better regulation of interurban service, lower rates, the opening of street crossings, the coming necessity for more and better public schools must all be taken up in the near future and can be better settled with benefit to us by consolidation with Glendale than by either Tropico or Glendale alone. In union there is strength, and such strength and power consolidation will give us.

Statements are being circulated as to the liability for existing bond issues, which are at variance with the facts; as will be seen by the following quotation neither city will assume any indebtedness by the proposed consolidation.

Section 4 of Act 2383, General laws, govern this as follows:

"That no property in either of the municipal corporations consolidated under the provisions of this act shall ever be taxed to pay any portion of any indebtedness of liability of any kind of the other such municipally or corporation, contracted of incurred to or existing at the time of such consolidation. The legislative body of any consolidated municipality under the provisions of this act shall provide for the payment of the indebtedness of liability of each of the municipal corporations consolidated there in and shall levy and collect the necessary taxes therefor and for that purpose and for all other purposes such consolidated municipal corporation and its officers shall be deemed the successor of such municipal corporations so consolidated and their respective officers.

Why did the writer of the history of the water situation in last week's Sentinel go into details in some instances and omit his own (in) glorious connection with the water company? Why not be honest and give all of its history? Voter do you get next? Don't you see the infamy of it, giving you only part of the story and hiding some of the facts. Will you be intimidated and influenced by falsehood and misrepresentation. We all know that the water question is a problem with which we have to reckon. And we also know, that the statement, Glendale wants to buy the rotten water system for a million dollars is false. Vote for consolidation and after the annexation of Casa Verdugo, this whole valley will be one city, Glendale. What steps has Glendale of today taken, to warrant the assertion, she wants to buy the rotten water system? What steps will the greater Glendale take.

Some time ago in the spring the trustees of Glendale made application to the city of Los Angeles for a proper share of the acquaduct water, if she can only get it by becoming a part of Los Angeles, Glendale will surely be in the city of Los Angeles when the Owen's water is ready for distribution. Fellow voters this is no ir or supposing this is a fact and can be very easily verified by investigating the records of either Glendale or Los Angeles.

WHAT STEPS will the Greater Glendale take?

That bunch of politicians of whom the spleeny chronicler of the Sentinel writes and who contemplates the purchase of Glassell's rotten water system for selfish purposes does only exist in the intolerant and prejudiced mind of the writer. You and I fellow-voter and the rest of the voters of Greater Glendale, will be the Greater Glendale and Greater Glendale will only buy that rotten water system, when you and I and all of us are willing to dig up the money to purchase it with. Have we not enough backbone and good American blood circulating through our system, to be intimidated by a bunch of imaginary politicians? Will we let prejudice and superstition pull the wool over our eyes and obscure the real issue in this question of consolidation, namely the bettering of our economic condition, quicker progress in the aquisition of light, better regulation of public fire and the better education of our children.

The election will be carried by a big majority **FOR** the consolidation. You fellow voter help swell that majority by your vote and get those whom you know to help too.

GLENDALE'S INDEBTEDNESS BOND ISSUES AND LIGHTING PLANT.

The report has been and is being circulated that Glendale desires the consolidation with Tropico and the annexation of other territory, so that **she can increase her bonding capacity** and that Glendale is now bonded to the limit allowed by law and can make no more improvements until more territory is included in her boundaries.

It is also told that the Glendale Municipal Light system is a failure and we could expect no light in less than a year if at all. That our only relief is for Tropico to vote $20,000.00 bonds and install a system of our own.

As to Glendale bonds and bonding capacity valuation not including West Glendale $2,151,775.00 15 per cent capacity allowed by law, $322,766.25.

Bonds voted:

1907, Fire Apparatus	$ 5,000.00
1909, Electric Light	60,000.00
1911, City Hall and Library	18,000.00
Total	$83,000.00

Bonds redeemed and unissued:

Fire Apparatus	$ 500.00
Electric Light:—	
Redeemed	$3,000.00
Unissued	6,000.00
Total outstanding	$73,500.00

As you will see that with a capacity of issuing $322,776.25 of bonds and a total bonded indebtedness of $73,500.00 Glendale can still issue $249,266.25 of bonds without taking into consideration the recent annexation of about $100,000.00 to the bonding capacity of the city; of the outstanding bonds of $73,500.00 the city is taxed for redemption and interest on the Fire and City Hall and Library funds only, and the Electric Light bonds of $51,000.00 are entirely self-sustaining as the itemized tax rates of Glendale and reports of lighting system show.

The only lighting bond tax levied was in 1909 when a levy of 26 cents was made to insure the first year's interest and bond. The rate that year was General fund, $1.00; Fire, .03; Electric Light. .26; Library, .07, a total of $1.36.

In 1910 General fund, $1.00; Fire, .03; Library, .10, a total of $1.13. In 1911, General fund, .752; Street, 218; Bonds (fire, .02; City Hall and Library, .09) .11; Library, .09, a total of $1.17.

What is the lighting system doing? The first bills were collected for November 1909 amounting to $536.05. Between then and November 1st, 1911, the bills amounted to $29.485.42 without any delinquency penalties being added. The penalties are very small

Cash statements Nov. 1, 1910 to Oct. 31, 1911:

Receipts. Cash on hand Nev. 1, 1910.	
Operation fund	$ 250.47
Bond fund	158.85
Cash tax levy of previous year	65.06
Operation receipt [illegible] 1910, to Oct. 31st, 1911	19,522.60
Total	$19,996.99
Expenditures, maintenance and operations, Nov, 1, 1910, to Oct. 31, 1911	$11,466.25
Interest	2,575.00
Construction and extensions	5,185.54
Redemption of bond	500.00
Cash on hand Oct. 31, 1911	270.20
Total	$19,996.99

The above statement can all be verified by anybody who will go to the City Hall records.

There is now an option held by Glendale and signed by Mr. Brand whereby Glendale can get the present lighting system of Tropico for less than $4,500.00 and the entire system Glendale and the portion in Los Angeles city, including the sub-tation in Tropico, West Glendale, North for $17,576.25 and if taken over it would all become a part of the municipal plant and those now using electricity would would pay their bills to the city and at the same rates as paid by the rest of the city, and street lights can be installed at once. In other words, the present lines would be utilized for immediate relief. If Tropico votes $20,000.00 bonds, what? Erect poles, string wires, connect with houses before any service could be given?

How long would it take? Mr. Brand's system would still be in the field as competition with nearly 200 consumers now connected and with opposition, the Municipal plant would have a hard time paying expenses and bonds and interest.

What would a $20,000.00 bond issue mean to Tropico with a municipal valuation of $680,000.00 and a bonding capacity of $102,000.00? $20,000.00 means $2.93 on each $100.00 valuation; on the valuation of Glendale (old city) $2,151,775.00, Tropico $680,000.000 and West Glendale Annex about $700,000.00, or a total of $3,531, 775.00 bonds to the amount of $100,000.00 could be issued at $ .283 per $100.00 valuation.

Tropico school district now has bonds outstanding to the amount of $16,000.00 and would of necessity be compelled to vote another $20,000.00 or $25,000.00 within the next two years for a new school site and building. About $60,000.00 of bonds in plain sight to be assumed by $680,000.00 valuation equal to .8s per $100.00.

We cast no reflections on the present Board of Trustees but will say frankly that we believe no other board could do more, or do anything for the general benefit with the means at their disposal; and to get more money would mean a burdensome taxation that would tend to keep away settlers and to stop building by those already owning property in Tropico. Study these qustions, seek information and remember we stand ready to give proof of what we say.

All together for one purpose; A better, a more economical, a more powerful and progressive city. Vote for consolidation. Eight thousand progressive minds against 2 score and one-half of prejudice minds.